

Intermediary Lending Pilot Act so that people who are starting businesses and need smaller loans, in that gap between \$35,000 and \$200,000, that there can be a pilot program to set that in motion. Because when I talk to people and business people in the community, the one thing that they tell me that they really need is access to credit and access to capital.

The Small Business Intermediary Lending Pilot Act will help that. And another bill that we are working on in our Financial Services Committee, putting money into community banks to make loans to business, small business, will do just that.

READ THE ARIZONA LAW

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, administration officials are criticizing Arizona's new illegal immigration enforcement law, and they haven't read the bill. The Attorney General hasn't read it. The Secretary of Homeland Security hasn't read it. Some State Department radical compared the Arizona law to human rights violations in China, but he hadn't read the bill either. But that hasn't stopped them all from criticizing the Arizona law they know nothing about.

Mexico President Calderon spoke here today and lectured us on our illegal immigration laws. He said the Arizona law opens the door to racial profiling. If the President had read the law he would know it does nothing of the sort. In fact, in four places the law prohibits any profiling.

I wonder if President Calderon has read the law he has been criticizing. It doesn't appear he has read his own country's tough illegal immigration laws either, but he takes the time to arrogantly denounce our laws. All of these critics don't want the truth of the law to get in the way of their indignant demagoguery and political agenda.

And that's just the way it is.

IN TRIBUTE TO SGT NATHAN KENNEDY

(Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an American hero. On April 27, the Kennedy family in the Town of Claysville, Pennsylvania, in my district, lost a son and a brother. Sergeant Nathan Kennedy was less than a month away from completing his second tour with the U.S. Army when he was fatally wounded by enemy sniper fire in Afghanistan.

Nathan Kennedy was a 2004 graduate of McGuffey High School, where he excelled as a champion wrestler. In 2006, he enlisted in the Army, and served in Iraq and Afghanistan. Sadly, he was

killed in battle on his late mother Penelope's birthday, and Nathan was laid to rest beside her this past Mother's Day.

While Sergeant Kennedy returned a few weeks too early, he returned to a grateful group of friends and neighbors standing along the flag-lined streets of Claysville to honor his sacrifice. In joining the procession, I will never forget the overwhelming solemn presence of that silent crowd. Not a sound was made during Sergeant Kennedy's procession, none but for the strut of the team of horses that pulled the caisson carrying his flag-draped coffin.

Although our hearts are heavy in remembrance of Nathan, we may rejoice, because while the small town of Claysville has lost a son, a grateful Nation has gained a hero.

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"INTELLIGENT TALK" IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

(Mr. DREIER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to inform our colleagues that common sense has come to Washington, D.C., at least by way of the airwaves. WRC 1260 is now offering "Intelligent Talk," which includes people like Bill Bennett, Michael Medved, Hugh Hewitt, Dennis Prager, and more.

And we all know that with the 24-hour news cycle, bloggers, talk radio, satellite radio, Facebook, and YouTube, there's no shortage of commentary out there at all. But these hosts are consistently thoughtful voices for sound public policy. They have built large audiences and broad respect not by being the loudest or most outrageous, but by consistently offering reasoned sound analysis and positive center-right solutions.

Some might think that "Intelligent Talk" in Washington, D.C., was an idea whose time would never come. Thanks to Bennett, Hewitt, Prager, Medved, and more, there is a little more common sense kicking around now in our Nation's Capital.

THE NEED TO EXTEND THE SHORT LINE RAILROAD REHABILITATION TAX CREDIT

(Mr. LIPINSKI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, investing in transportation and infrastructure is one of the best ways to put people back to work while increasing our global competitiveness. These investments must be made not just publicly but also by private companies. So we need to support policies that encourage private investment.

One such policy is the Short Line Railroad Rehabilitation Tax Credit,

which has been critical in boosting private investment in rail infrastructure. In Chicagoland, which suffers greatly from rail congestion, this credit has been put to good use by railroads such as the Belt Railway Company and the Indiana Harbor Belt. These railroads have made improvements that reduce congestion, boosting local business competitiveness and easing traffic on the roads.

Unfortunately, this credit expired at the end of last year. So we must act now. Let's help put people to work and improve American transportation and enhance and extend the short line tax credit.

COSTA MESA, A "RULE OF LAW" CITY

(Mr. ROHRBACHER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to praise the courageous and responsible stand taken by the city of Costa Mesa. In stark contrast to the municipalities that have declared themselves sanctuary cities, Costa Mesa, under the leadership of Mayor Allen Mansour, has declared itself a "rule of law" city, a city where citizens and law enforcement will support, rather than undermine, our efforts to deter and enforce our immigration laws.

I am proud to represent Costa Mesa and, yes, to reside in that city. It follows Arizona in its efforts to protect the interests of the American people from the municipality up. This isn't just a job for the United States Government.

Today the citizens of the United States see their well-being threatened, whether it's their education, their health care, or the criminal justice systems on which they depend undermined by this massive, out-of-control flow of illegals into our country.

I praise those people who are taking a stand there locally, whether it's Costa Mesa or Arizona, and I think we should be taking a cue from them to do our job in Washington to watch out for the interests of the American people.

NATIONAL MEDIA IGNORE NEWS STORIES THEY DON'T LIKE

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, here are a few recent examples of the national media ignoring stories they don't like.

Number one, Attorney General Eric Holder has criticized Arizona's new immigration enforcement law and may file suit against it. However, during a Judiciary Committee hearing last week, the Attorney General admitted he had not even read the law. The national media largely ignored his admission.